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SUBJECT: ANNUAL VISIT OF CENTO SYG TO WASHINGTON

1. MAIN THEMES EXPRESSED BY CENTO SYG DURING HIS ANNUAL CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON WERE: (A) GREATER COOPERATION WITHIN CENTO ON COUNTERSUBVERSION ACTIVITIES; (B) ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN, INCLUDING ARMS; AND (C) DESIRABILITY
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OF COMPLETING CENTO RAIL LINK, ESTABLISHING REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND PREPARING REGIONALS FOR INCREASINGLY COMPLEX MANAGEMENT DEMANDS OF GROWING INDUSTRIALIZATION.

2. SYG EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT US (AND UK) UNDERRATING SUBVERSIVE THREAT IN AREA ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EVIDENCE THAT IT IS SOVIET SUPPORTED IS HARD TO PRODUCE. HE ASKED FOR ADVANCED TRAINING AND MORE SOPHISTICATED COUNTERSUBVERSION EQUIPMENT FOR REGIONAL COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY FOR PAKISTAN. BOTH DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH AND ASSISTANT SECSTATE SISCO AGREED THAT WE MUST SERIOUSLY STUDY WAYS TO COOPERATE MORE EFFECTIVELY IN COUNTERSUBVERSION FIELD. SISCO EMPHASIZED TO SYG THAT DESPITE PROGRESS MADE IN LAST YEAR IN OUR RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS AND CHINESE, WE REMAIN VERY AWARE OF CONTINUING NEED FOR VIGILANCE AND STRENGTH. HE NOTED SECSTATE HAD MADE SAME OBSERVATION TO LONDON MINISTERIAL MEETING LAST JUNE SOON AFTER MOSCOW SUMMIT.

3. ON AID TO PAKISTAN, SYG WAS TOLD OF VERY LARGE USG INPUT SINCE JANUARY 1972 (OVER DOLS 300 MILLION) AND CONTRIBUTION THIS HAS MADE TO PAK STABILITY. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT ARMS SUPPLY POLICY IS UNDER INTENSIVE REVIEW.

4. IN RESPONSE TO SYG SUGGESTION FOR COMPLETING CENTO RAIL LINK TO PAKISTAN BORDER (A RECENTLY COMPLETED IRANIAN FEASIBILITY STUDY INDICATED THIS NOT ECONOMIC BEFORE 1985, BUT THE SYG URGED POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS ALSO BE CONSIDERED), SISCO AGREED THAT EARLY COMPLETION COULD BE VERY BENEFICIAL TO PAKISTAN AND TO CENTO. SISCO SAID WE WOULD ACTIVELY EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF OUR HELPING. HE HOPED THAT SOMETHING MIGHT BE DEVELOPED TO PERMIT THE SECRETARY TO SPEAK TO THIS MATTER AT NEXT MINISTERIAL.

5. WITH REGARD TO MANAGEMENT TRAINING, SYG STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF SUBJECT IN CENTO COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH HE WAS ADMITTEDLY VAGUE ON TYPE OF PROGRAM WHICH MIGHT BE NEEDED. HE WAS TOLD WE HAD DEFINITE CAPABILITIES IN THIS FIELD AND WOULD BE GLAD TO TRY TO PROVIDE SUITABLE FORM OF ASSISTANCE.

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6. IN AREA OF JOINT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, SYG SPOKE NOT ONLY OF REGIONAL COOPERATION, BUT POSSIBILITY OF NON-REGIONAL PARTNERS TAKING PART IN DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES AS BUSINESS VENTURES. MOST WASHINGTON OFFICIALS TO WHOM HE PRESENTED THIS THOUGHT SUGGESTED THAT SPECIFIC ENTERPRISES OR DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES WOULD HAVE TO BE PROPOSED FOR STUDY.

7. ONE PARTICULAR AREA OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION HE REFERRED TO WAS IN MANUFACTURE OF SIMPLER ARMAMENTS. SUGGESTION WAS MADE TO HIM THAT HE DISCUSS NATO EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD WITH NATO SYG LUNS (WHOM HE EXPECTED TO SEE THIS WEEK IN BRUSSELS AND THAT HE THEN SEEK TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC PROJECTS WHICH REGIONALS COULD UNDERTAKE IN CENTO AREA. DOD OFFICIALS STRESSED THIS EFFORT SHOULD START WITH SIMPLE PROJECTS. THEY ALSO TOLD HIM THAT ONCE REGIONALS HAD IDENTIFIED PROJECTS THEY WISHED TO INITIATE, US WOULD BE ABLE TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. ROGERS

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